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ZENKYOTO DISBANDS

Fifty-three seminary students who for the past year have been the mainstay in a running battle with the faculty of Tokyo Union Theological Seminary met at Waseda Hoshien Jan. 23-25 and formally disbanded, issuing a statement describing the circumstances of their defeat and formal demise.

The Zenkyoto, abbreviation for zengaku kyoto kaigi (all campus joint struggle committee) emerged in May 1969 in the first serious bubbling up of student struggles on the TUTS level but came forth in full force in confrontation with the faculty growing out of the Kyodan's decision to participate in the Christian Pavilion at Expo '70. The struggle between this anti-Expo group of students and the seminary was marked by the students' barricade of the school for four months, the calling in of riot police by TUTS in March to end the barricade, and the boycott of registration by some 70 students when the new seminary term began last April. Repercussions have been felt throughout the church, and the national and district assemblies have not yet resumed their full functioning.

At their January meeting, Zenkyoto students, while announcing the dissolution of Zenkyoto, formed a committee to continue support of three TUTS students who are now on trial for incidents in connection with the TUTS struggle. The members also intend to produce a study and summation of their struggle, including the theories behind their position.

Each member of Zenkyoto is now free to act in accord with his own decision, according to an article in the Kyodan Shimpō of Feb. 6. Some students will return to TUTS and resume their studies there; some are expected to transfer to other seminaries or to non-seminary university or college courses; some are undecided about future plans.

All, however, according to the statement, are "committed to the call of the ministry." "We are destined to participate in the mission of the church. The whole matter [of the struggle] is related to this basic a priori," says the statement.

While couched heavily in terms of self-indictment for the students' failure to overturn the faculty in its position and to overcome their own limitations, the statement points to "theoretical results" such as the verification of individual action as a means by which people come to common agreement, and the need to interpret the social responsibility of Christians in concrete situations.

The students declare that although they are disbanding Zenkyoto, they intend to continue their struggle to de-ideolog-ize the church and toward that end will work to give fuller form to their theories.

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PASTORS LEARN HOW TO ANALYZE AND PLAN FOR EVANGELISM IN URBAN SOCIETIES

"Urban industrial mission is not just a type of evangelism, it's the context in which all evangelism today is set," concluded sixty pastors, attending the 7th Annual National Conference on the Church's Responsibility in Community Development. The Conference, sponsored by the NCC UIM Committee, met Jan. 26-29 in Kitakyushu, in a meeting constructed on foundations carefully laid during the past year by the Kyushu Urban Committee (KUM) under the chairmanship of Rev. Joseph Iida, of the Emmanuel Church.

As a practical approach to urban industrial mission, participants from all over Japan broke usual conference procedures by spending the three days not in listening to lecturers but in learning and practicing a somewhat scientific methodology for analyzing local problems and designing strategies to cope with them.

Self-reflection at the end of the meeting included, on one hand, appreciation for the "working conference" over against the "lecture" type, but, at the same time, the realization that the scope and nature of urban-industrial mission make it mandatory that laymen too be involved in such conferences and training.

In daily worship, Rev. John Nakajima, NCC general secretary, followed an opening formal communion service with the introduction of new worship forms built around the concerns of conference members. The liturgy on the closing day lifted up the experiences of the conference.

The conference format plunged participants into some ninety problems identified with the giant Kitakyushu industrial area, giving the mandate to three groups to analyze the problems according to causes and design strategies aimed at grappling with them.

Three local situations--the Emmanuel Anglican Church and its setting, the Edamitsu Baptist Church and its environs, and the Kurosaki area, where plans are under way for pioneer evangelism, were subjected to examination by conference members. Pastors of the respective parishes were credited with unusual courage in exposing to the scrutiny of outsiders the details of their neighborhoods and church operations, but the results seemed mutually stimulating.

In conclusion, the evaluation session on the conference produced the following reflections:

there is definite value in a working conference as over against a lecturer-centered conference;

participation of laymen is essential in future conferences of this type;

issues of community development must be viewed from a global perspective;

urban industrial mission is not just one type of evangelism but describes the influences in the midst of which all evangelism in Japan today takes place.

KESWICK TIME AGAIN

Dr. W. Stanley Mooneyham and Rev. R. C. Lucas will address the 10th Annual Japan Keswick Conventions that will meet in Osaka, Hakone and Hokkaido between February and May.

The first Keswick will be at Osaka Feb. 17-19. The largest of the meetings, with attendance usually running from 1,200 to 1,500, meets at the Kowakien Japanese Inn at Kowakidami, Hakone, from Feb. 23-26. Hokkaido Keswick dates are May 1-3.

Further information and applications for each of the Conventions is available from the Japan Keswick Convention Office, c/o Christian Student Center, 2-1 Surugadai, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 101. (03-291-1910)

TOKYO DISTRICT OF KYODAN EDGES TOWARD ASSEMBLY

Girding for an attempt to hold the long-delayed Tokyo Kyoku Annual Assembly, which did not meet at all in 1970 due to the unsettled conditions within the district and The United Church of Christ national executive organs, a discussion on prospects for the Assembly will be held Mon., Feb. 22, at Shinanomachi Church, from 5:30 to 8:30, according to an announcement issued Feb. 2 in the name of Rev. Rinzo Washiyama, chairman of the Assembly Preparatory Committee.

The meeting is open to Kyodan laymen and pastors, and participants are asked to prepare by studying the series of opinions on "How can we convene the Assembly?" in the Kyodan Shimpō of Dec. 26 (No. 3634).

WORLD CONFERENCE OF RELIGION FOR PEACE ESTABLISHES OFFICE

Flowering from the World Religion and Peace Conference held in Kyoto in November is a "provisional international office" for the World Conference of Religion for Peace, opened in the Church Center for the United Nations across from the United Nations in New York in December, according to a release received from Secretary-General Homer A. Jack.

To serve as secretary of the new office, Rissho Kosei-kai has sent Miss Mikiko Suzuki, who assisted Mr. Jack during the preparatory stages of the Kyoto Conference.

The release says that "one of the office rooms is fitted in Japanese style for consultations and small conferences." An article in The New York Times of Jan. 31 comments further on Japanese participation: "The \$65,000 initial budget was provided partly by Japanese sources and matched by United States contributors....the Japanese influence shows everywhere: the tea served to visitors by Miss Mikiko Suzuki, a bilingual assistant brought here after the conference, the rush mats on the floor, the Japanese porcelains."

Cited as steps taken to implement the findings of the Kyoto Conference are inter-religious programs to end the war in Vietnam, including the mission of Japanese religionists to Vietnam in December and an inter-religious presence at the UN.

PRACTICE UNITY IN PRAYERS FOR UNITY

Concentrating on local and area observances, Roman Catholic and Protestant Christians throughout Japan celebrated the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Jan. 18-25. While patterns differed widely, the following examples suggest some of the ways in which groups met together.

In Tokushima, on Shikoku, services were held each evening for eight days, in eight different places or under eight different sponsors, including a location outside of Tokushima. Services averaged an attendance of 40. The Catholic church, the Xavier Convent, Anglican Churches and preaching point, two Kyodan churches, and the Tokushima Christian Center were hosts to the services. The offering given at the evening services is to go for East Pakistan relief. Plans are already underway for the coming year, including additional joint activities at Christmas as well as the Week of Prayer services.

At Takanabe, a smaller city in Kyushu, the Takanabe United Church of Christ and the Takanabe Catholic Church worshipped together on Sunday, holding a joint service in place of the Catholic mass and Protestant worship service usually held at 9:30 Sunday morning. Rev. Keizo Ando, 38, preached the sermon and the Protestant hymnal was used in the service held in the Catholic church.

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"The purpose of our coming together is not just to have fellowship together but to work together in evangelism" said Ando, in his sermon. Following the service, the challenge thrown by the pastor became the center of a discussion of the mutual concerns of the two churches.

KYODAN WOMEN'S FEDERATION MAKE NEW PLANS

An expanded national program in women's work in The United Church of Christ in Japan is anticipated as a result of plans made by the central committee meeting of the National Federation of Kyodan Women's Societies, held Jan. 18-19. Constituting the committee are chairmen from 16 district women's committees and eight members elected at large.

Plans for 1971 include sending a mission of eight women to Korea in May, continuing relationships established by the team of six women who went to Korea in 1968. Participants will be chosen from among persons recommended by each district and will go at their own expense.

Plans for a home for retired woman pastors and Christian workers were also formalized. The site will be Seirei-Hoyo-en, a group of social work institutions in Hamamatsu. Accommodations will be provided for approximately ten women. The estimated cost is ¥15 million (\$41,670) part of which is already in hand as a grant from overseas designated for retired women workers; the balance is to be raised in Japan.

Mrs. Michiko Okuda and Rev. Tazuko Takakura were elected as new members of the central committee.

Leaders' training will be conducted at a meeting at Amagi-Sanso in late September, with the participation enlarged to include 300 women.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS CAMP

The integration of blind and sighted young peoples is the purpose of the 5th national camp for high school students sponsored by the Council for Evangelism with Blind People. Kyoto, Hyogo and Osaka districts of the Council are cooperating on the camp, to be held March 25-27 at Doshisha Karasaki House in Shiga prefecture. The theme is "Life Together."

Twenty blind students and thirty sighted students from the Kansai area will study a Biblical text and applications, enjoy folk dancing, baseball, and discussions, and study the Braille system of writing and reading.

"INSIGHTS"

"An opportunity to share one's life and insights with youth similarly concerned about their fellow man" is how the Summer Work Camp-Seminar for United States and Japanese college students is described in a recruitment folder recently distributed to prospective participants. Sponsors are The United Church of Christ in Japan through the Student Christian Fellowship, Tokyo, and the Presbyterian Church, U. S.

Directors will be:

Jun Suzuki, instructor, Cberlin University
James E. Atwood, Student Christian Fellowship
Tom F. Brown, Presbyterian Church, U.S.

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The workcamp will be held at Tejima Island in the Inland Sea from July 30-Aug. 20, and will be followed by seminars at Hiroshima, Himeji Truck Center, and Kyoto-Nara.

The cost per person is ¥25,000 covering Seminar-Workcamp expenses and the costs of travel between Tejima, Hiroshima, Himeji and Kyoto.

Applicants should contact James E. Atwood, Student Christian Fellowship, 30, Shinanomachi, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, 160. Deadline is April 30; applicants will be notified by May 15 of their acceptance.

MANIERRE SWINGS THROUGH SCUTHEAST ASIA ON URBAN INDUSTRIAL CONCERNS

Ecumenical urban-industrialist Stanley Manierre, NCC associate general secretary, will give a series on urban industrial mission at a retreat of pastors and workers of the Philippine Baptist Convention at Iloilo Feb. 15-18, followed by a succession of interdenominational meetings on the same topic in the Philippines and visits to Singapore, Bangkok and Hong Kong. On his itinerary is a meeting of the East Asia Christian Conference in Manila March 1-2, Manierre will return to Japan March 8.

CCOUNCIL ON ASIAN POLICIES FOCUS ON "CHINA TODAY"

"China Today" is the theme of the Spring meetings of the Council on Asian Policies to be held at Waseda Hoshien Seminar House, 1-551 Totsuka, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo (Tel. 203-3687). Meetings are on Wednesday evenings as listed, 7-9 p.m.

- March 3: "What the 'China Problem' Means for Japan"
Mr. Koji Watanabe, Deputy Chief, China Desk, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan.
- March 10: "The Significance of Mao's Thought"
Professor Atsuyoshi Nijima, Waseda University.
- March 24: "Possible Goals in China-Japan Relations"
Mr. Aiichiro Fujiyama, Liberal-Democratic Party.
- March 31: "Implications of Renewed China-Japan Relations"
or Editorial staff member of one of Japan's leading news-
April 7 papers Tentative.

The CCOUNCIL ON ASIAN POLICIES is a group formed in May 1969 to bring together people concerned with making positive contributions to a better understanding of Asian policy affairs. It welcomes all persons of like-minded interests, regardless of nationality. Endorsement of any particular policy is not the Council's purpose, but rather dialogue on different points of view. Participants in the Council's meetings have included businessmen, scholars, housewives, students, missionaries, diplomats, journalists, and others. Voluntary contributions of ¥500 per meeting help defray expenses.

CHRISTIAN OBSERVANCE OF 'NATIONAL FOUNDATION DAY'

In protesting the spirit of the formation of the national foundation day, many of the staff members of Kyodan and other church bodies held a special discussion meeting on the Yasukuni issue at Japan Christian Center. Later they joined the mass rally to oppose the Yasukuni bill and Japan's militarization at Chiyoda Public Hall in Tokyo. The rally was attended by 1,400 Christians, young and old. Prof. Saburo Ienaga lectured on "The Thought Situation in Japan Today," and participated in a panel discussion of four. After the rally most of the attendants participated in a demonstration march to Ueno Park.

HEADLINE-MAKING EVENTS

compiled by Ichiji Yokota

8,200 PERSONS ATTENDED FUNERAL JAN. 24 FOR NOVELIST Yukio Mishima who killed himself Nov. 25 at the Self-Defense headquarters. Services were held at Tsukiji Honganji Temple in Tokyo.

GRAND CHAMPION TAIHO CAPTURED 32ND CHAMPIONSHIP in New Year's Sumo Tournament in Tokyo. 'Twas Taiho's first win since he took the Emperor's Cup last March. He recorded 14 wins, 1 loss.

NHK COLOR TV SHOWED ACTIVITIES OF APOLLO 14 CREW on the moon via satellite relay.

SABURO EDA, FORMER JAPAN SOCIALIST PARTY SECRETARY, suggested reorganization of opposing parties saying that it would be one way for Japan Socialist, Komei and Democratic Socialist Parties to organize a new party for joint promotion in the coming general election campaign.

1,068,776 CARS WERE EXPORTED IN 1970--26.7% over 1969, according to an announcement of the Japan motor industries association.

ROLLS-ROYCE BANKRUPTCY CAME AS A SHOCK to Japanese, who have looked upon it as the acme in the motor industry. This is the car used by the Imperial family. The effect will be felt by many companies, including steel and airplane manufacturers.

THE 11TH WINTER PRE-OLYMPICS ARE NOW BEING HELD in Sapporo, looking to next year, when Japan will host the Olympics for the first winter competition to be held in Asia. 364 persons from 22 foreign countries, and 1,064 from Japan, are skiing and skating.

FIRE TOLL NEAR HIGH WITH CONTINUED DRY SPELL that coincides with the season of maximum cold. New construction materials that escalate smoke damage are being investigated.

